

# Early Childhood Education Spring 2014 Student SLO Report

## 1. What did you like about this program?

### Text Response

I liked interviewing a director to see their view of being a director and learning about the job directors really have.

I liked all of the projects that we did and the things that we are able to take with us.

I liked that we had the hands on experience of practicum where we got to go out into the field and practice what we were taught in class.

### Hand-On Experience

Hands on experience and materials taken away from the program.

I enjoyed how we got projects that we could take into the field and that this was a small enough class that we all got to know each other and we all got to be good friends

I enjoyed this program in many ways. I liked that the program was hands on and very visual. I liked that we got hands on experience and I learned from that. This program was very beneficial to my learning style. The teachers respected everyone and their learning styles. They were understanding and knew how to help me.

I really liked the hands on approach to the program. I also liked all the student teaching that we did.

I like that the program is hands on and that we do the student teaching right away instead of waiting until the end.

I like the hands on experience that we got to do with the children in practicum, and also doing more hands on projects/ homework rather than having test because it helped me learned the material better.

I liked the hands on experience that the practicums offered.

All the hands on experience I got. I also like making so many materials to be used in the future.

I love how hands on the program is. The activities that we make we are allowed to take with us.

I also like that we start off with student teaching. Any four year college nearby, have you do student teaching last. I feel much more prepared and confident than even a Bachelor's degree student.

The labs

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	14

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## 2. What would you change about this program?

### Text Response

I would change how long this class is and the time we have it. Staying until 6PM isn't ideal. It could be a two day hour and a half class.

I think I would like to see more of the infant age things. We focus to much on the older children and not enough of the younger children.

I would change how long the practicum experiences are and make them only half a semester at one placement and then switch to a different place or just be done instead of being so long.

N/A

Nothing

I would not change much about the program I feel it was a great experience.

I would change the times that the classes are offered, having our two lecture classes at the end was tough.

I wish there was more discussion of all ages equally. We mainly focused on preschoolers - and I wanted to focus on infants and toddlers which we only discuss for a semester and that's all.

I wouldnt change anything about this program I think it is great

More opportunitites to see different centers and sites.

The last semester seemed rushed; almost like so much information was crammed into a short amount of time. I understand with the shorter trimesters, but some things should be rearranged to not all big projects are due at one time in multiple classes.

I wish there was more about infant/toddler focus. All of the activities we make tend to be geared towards preschool, besides our one infant/toddler class. I student taught in an infant room and I felt kind of unprepared to teach there because we don't talk about it much. I did learn a lot though.

How much class time you have for projects

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	13

## 3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	0	0	6	7	13

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### 4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

#### Text Response

Better friends and learned to work as a team

I learned how to speak to families, teachers, and to be socialable.

I really learned how to talk to parents as well as other teachers

We discussed how to communicate professionally with each other, coworkers, parents and children using many different avenues such as written and oral.

I learned to communicate better with other especially with cooperating teacher and getting feedback from them to help you become a better teacher and also with my teachers in case I didn't understand something.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

### 5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	0	2	9	2	13

### 6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

#### Text Response

In some aspects, I'm not the best at math but I can do basic math.

We learned different math activities that work for different ages.

Teaching math to children in a positive way

I learned how to teach children math even though I struggle with math myself.

I didn't know how to teach a child anything about math now I can't wait to teach math to small children

In childcare we discuss ratios and chronological age, as well as teaching children concepts of math

yes i was able to learn ways to teach children math and use simple math through out the program that we use in everyday life.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7

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### 7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	2	0	7	3	12

### 8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

#### Text Response

Math science social studies helped a lot with this.

I feel that the program classes need those start up classes before the real thing because what I learned in those is the backbone of what will be doing in my life.

It is all around us.

We discuss theorists of childcare and use their theories to make lesson plans

Yes from doing labs in math, science, and soical studies and being able to apply that in placement with ideas that we got in class.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

### 9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	1	10	2	13

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### 10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

#### Text Response

Team work and communication

I learned how to think overall. I learned how to speak to others and how to word things that are respectful for all.

In almost every activity and assignment we were asked to reflect on what we can do better

That you really need to think things through before applying them especially in lesson plans on steps on how you want it to go because you want to make sure that it goes as well as you want it to. Even through out the whole program really making sure you think about everything you are doing through before handing it in.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

### 11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	0	1	6	5	12

### 12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

#### Text Response

We learned how to use the weebly website to make our own website for our "dream Center" weebly and blackboard

I learned how to use technology effectively through programs and new inventions of Early Childhood Education.

I didn't know how to do a website before now I am pretty good at making one.

Many classes were blended, as well as we learned how to use a SMARTboard

I learned how to make a websit.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

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### 13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	0	0	8	5	13

### 14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

#### Text Response

I use diversity in the classroom,  
 I learned how to respect myself and others in a diverse way. I do not judge anyone. I learned how to be developmentally, individually, and culturally appropriate.  
 Growing up in a small town, I didn't know how to handle situation with people of a different culture or ethnicity, now I do  
 We discuss a lot about acceptance and positave self concept  
 I have learned how to work with other really well and I learned alot about myself as a person it really helped me to grow and bossed my self confedence knowing that if I really but my mind to it I can do what I need to do to do the best I can.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

### 15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	0	11	2	13

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### 16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

#### Text Response

Using more materials wisely

I learned how to think with my own mind more. I learned how to make a decion on what to write in papers. I learned how to use more vocabulary.

We discussed how sustainability applies to children and childcare

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

### 17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
apply child development theory to practice.	0	0	0	6	6	12

### 18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Great it was good

We discuss many theorists in the program including Piaget, Vygotsky, Erikson, and many more. I focus on Vygotsky's scaffolding often because it builds off of things children already know - using that it empowers them that "they already know this" and can gain attention because it relates to them.

Yes by observing the child and then from them applying activites that would help them to grow

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Total Responses	3

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### 19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
cultivate relationships with children, family, and the community.	0	0	0	6	6	12

### 20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Learned how to write communication to parents and families

I learned to advocate for the program and families.

We discussed many ways to accept families and go out in our community.

Yes! I was able to communicate with others

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

### 21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
assess child growth and development.	0	0	0	5	7	12

### 22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

observations

Observation we were taught is the beginning to getting to know the whole child, then adding activities to their environment and our curriculum that help them.

by doing observations of children and then having them do certain thing to see how well they are doing then from there working on the areas they need to work on

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3



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### 23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
use best practices in teaching and learning.	0	0	0	4	8	12

### 24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

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I learned how to scaffold and redirection.

I really used what I learned to apply it to my teaching and also my learning making sure I was being the best teacher I could be and with my learning. From getting feed back from others and then applying it in the real world.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

### 25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate professionalism.	0	0	0	5	6	11

### 26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

It was nice to learn that professionalism isn't just dressing nice and talking but it is also getting down on the child's level and playing with them and being nice

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

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### 27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
integrate health, safety, and nutrition practices.	0	0	0	5	7	12

### 28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

### 29. CONCLUSION - Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

The last semester classes were too long. They should have been spaced out time wise or somehow shortened. Half the time we didn't have classes so therefore it should be okay to have shortened classes. Or have classes that don't go until 6PM

I think that over all it is a good program. I think that there is alot of unnecessary work that seems to just fill in the time between the big assinments.

My only concern for the Early Childhood Education Program would be to make actual practicum shorter than making it a full semester of student teaching because it gets to be alot and very time consuming and for people that are working while going to school it makes it really hard do both at the same time and I don't think that some Instructors don't think about that.

This program was great

Great Job Teachers!!!!

It is a great school to go to and I am really happy I did. I feel that as a teacher I am really prepared to go out into the field and concure any class that is given to me.

I feel like I learned a lot here. The must frustrating thing about being here was the enrollment and financial aid processes (I almost lost my apartment due to waiting for financial aid, I wish there was avenues more openly available to students who can't wait as long as the financial aid waiting period is), but in the end I enjoyed what I learned from my professors, I formed some great relationships, and feel like I can contribute to society as in individual and as an educator.

I had a great experience at western technical college and the program got me ready to go out in the real word as a teacher and made me realize that I want to do on and conunitue my education

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	8